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Trumbull Police Department – Police Commission Meeting
Trumbull Police Headquarters – Chief's Conference Room
Tuesday, February 10, 2009
Immediately Following Trumbull Police Pension Board of Trustees Meeting
MINUTES

The Trumbull Police Department Police Commission Meeting was called to order at 6:25PM immediately following the adjournment of the Pension Board of Trustees Meeting.

Members Present: Dave Wilson, Chairman
Mary Moran, Vice Chairman
Sandy Galla, Secretary
Lino Costantini, Commissioner
Anna Henry, Commissioner

Members Absent: William Murphy, Commissioner

Also Present: Chief Thomas H. Kiely
Officer Robert Coppola
Attorney Vito Mazza

Public Comment: None

MOTION made (Commissioner HENRY) 2nd (Commissioner MORAN) to ACCEPT the minutes of the January 13, 2009 Commission Meeting Minutes. FOR, Chairman Wilson, Commissioner Costantini; One Abstention – Commission Secretary GALLA. MOTION CARRIED.

Chief Kiely's Report

The Trumbull Police Department has been scheduled for the 2009 Budget Hearing on Monday, March 2nd in the Long Hill Room, Town Hall.

The Trumbull Police Department has received an unabridged version of their 2009-2010 budget which indicates that \$366,316.00 has been cut from the requested amount. Two hundred and forty nine thousand dollars has been cut from the salary account with no funding for three current openings in the Department. The overtime account has been reduced by \$100,000.00; capital outlay shows a reduction of \$17,103.00. To date, we have not received a breakdown/justification for these reductions.

On February 4, 2009, federal warrants were executed by the FBI Safe Streets Task Force which resulted in the arrest of 36 individuals charged with participating in a conspiracy to distribute cocaine and crack cocaine and to distribute heroin and crack cocaine, after a year long investigation by the FBI's Safe Streets Task Force, the CSP and Bridgeport Police Department, along with assistance from several local Police Departments. Eight members of the Trumbull Police Department, and members of several local Police Departments, assisted in the SWEEP.

Family Violence Intervention Unit

2008 was the first full year of operation for the Trumbull Police Department's Family Violence Intervention Unit. A total of 132 incidents were handled by the unit in 2008.

A follow-up with victims of domestic violence is conducted explaining court orders and how to obtain orders of protection, discussing and providing victim safety information and planning. The victim is informed of the availability of community agencies that will assist them, reassuring the victim(s) they have the full support of the Trumbull Police Department and the community, holding the offender accountable for the violence and stopping it.

This Unit consists of members who are certified Police instructors who are responsible for training members of the Trumbull Police Department in the field of Family Violence investigation. On several occasions they have been asked to assist with the training of Victims Advocates at the Center for Women and Families.

Goals for this Unit is to partner with the Center for Women and Families to offer community education which will include a class on Teen Dating Violence, a community awareness class on Family Violence, how to help a friend or neighbor, and the assignment of one full time officer dedicated to this program.

Alarm Ordinance

Glen Mawry from IACP reviewed our Alarm Ordinance and found it ready to go. However, staffing in Records will be minimized due to the retirement of one of its staff, which will impact the implementation of this ordinance. Also, having an outside vendor tracking fees will be a costly process, as their performance is based on what they collect. The current economy has put a strain on proposed new policies and programs.

The Commission agreed to revisit the Alarm Ordinance proposal in six months.

Several Officers have undergone surgical procedures resulting in the sick report to date, as compared to previous year to date, increasing considerably. The absences due to illnesses, and/or on the job injuries are monitored by the Chief and Union officials.

Traffic Report

The speeding complaint received regarding Golden Hill has been addressed by Lieutenant Keith Golding with patrol monitoring and enforcement. The signs in the area addressed were found to be in proper places. The complainant will contact the Police Commission with inquiries regarding additional signage.

Not adhering to Stop Signs in the Whitney Ave. @ Porter Hill has been addressed with the presence of Patrols for monitoring/enforcement. Personal contact has been made with the complainant.

The Traffic Division has recently assisted with the investigation of two major accidents:

- Ø On Route 111 in front of Knecht's Garage a school bus accident occurred resulting in serious injuries to one of the operators.
- Ø Requested by the Shelton Police Department, our assistance was given in the investigation of a fire truck that rolled over while enroute to a call.

Chile Safety Seat installations, scheduled by appointment, are held every Wednesday morning at TPD Headquarters. Year to date installations for Trumbull residents totals 25.

Commissioner Henry received a written complaint regarding speeding on Daniels Farm Rd. in the vicinity of Hillcrest Middle School. The complaint will be forwarded to Lieutenant Golding for his review.

Policy Manual – The Policy Manual will be available at the March Commission Meeting.

MOTION made (Commissioner GALLA) 2nd (Commissioner Costantini) to adjourn the meeting at 7:20PM. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted:

Jo-Ann C. Nanni
Clerk of the Commission